



Trade Benefits America

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The Honorable John Boehner
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Harry Reid
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Speaker Boehner, Leader Reid, Leader Pelosi and Leader McConnell:

As members of the Trade Benefits America Coalition, we write to urge passage of bipartisan Trade Promotion Authority (TPA) legislation this year.

Congressional action on TPA is needed to help ensure high-standard outcomes in the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) negotiations, which the United States and 11 other Asia-Pacific countries are striving to complete. By passing TPA, Congress will also help ensure strong outcomes in the other ongoing talks on the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (T-TIP), the Trade in Services Agreement (TiSA), and an agreement to eliminate tariffs on environmental goods. These initiatives hold tremendous potential to: help U.S. companies of all sizes, farmers and workers buy and sell goods and services in the global marketplace; set strong, enforceable trade rules; and support U.S. growth and jobs.

Other countries are completing trade agreements that are opening markets for their companies, farmers and workers and shaping the rules for international trade to their advantage. It is vital that the United States respond by negotiating and implementing high-standard, market-opening trade agreements as soon as possible. History has shown that TPA is a critical tool for helping complete ambitious U.S. trade agreements and getting them passed by Congress. With 95 percent of potential customers outside the United States and more than one in five American jobs supported by trade, we need to seize on opportunities – such as ongoing

and future U.S. trade agreements – to expand U.S. commerce with other countries.

Accordingly, we are eager to work with you, your colleagues in the House and Senate, and the Administration to pass bipartisan TPA legislation before the end of the year.

Sincerely,

3M	American Farm Bureau Federation
Abbott	American Forest & Paper Association (AF&PA)
AbbVie	American Insurance Association (AIA)
ACE Limited	American International Automobile Dealers Association (AIADA)
Aerospace Industries Association	American Natural Soda Ash Corporation (ANSAC)
Aflac	American Petroleum Institute
AGCO Corporation	American Soybean Association
Agriculture Transportation Coalition (AgTC)	Amgen Inc.
The Airforwarders Association	Amway
Alcoa Inc.	Apple Inc
Alliance for Healthcare Competitiveness	Applied Materials, Inc.
Altec, Inc.	Archer Daniels Midland Co.
American Apparel & Footwear Association (AAFA)	Association of Equipment Manufacturers (AEM)
American Association of Exporters and Importers (AAEI)	Association of Global Automakers
American Business Conference	Association of the Nonwoven Fabrics Industry (INDA)
American Chamber of Commerce in Australia	AT&T Inc.
American Chemistry Council	BASF Corporation
American Council of Life Insurers	Bayer AG

Biotechnology Industry Organization (BIO)

BNSF Railway Company

The Boeing Company

Border Commerce and Security Council

Brown-Forman Corporation

BSA | The Software Alliance

Business Council for Global Development

Business Roundtable

CA Technologies

California Business Roundtable

California Chamber of Commerce

Campbell Soup Company

Cange International Inc.

Cargill, Incorporated

Caterpillar Inc

CETRA, Inc.

Chambers of Commerce Alliance of Ventura &
Santa Barbara Counties

Chevron Corporation

CIGNA Corporation

Cisco Systems, Inc.

Citigroup, Inc

The Clorox Company

CNH Industrial

Coalition for Employment through Exports

Coalition of New England Companies for Trade
(CONNECT)

Coalition of Services Industries

The Coca Cola Company

Consumer Specialty Products Association

Corn Refiners Association

Council of the Americas

Crop Life America

Cummins Inc.

C. V. Starr & Co., Inc.

DAIMLER

Danaher Corporation

Darden Restaurants, Inc.

Deere & Company

Diageo

Direct Selling Association

Distilled Spirits Council of the U.S.

The Dow Chemical Company

DuPont

Eastman Chemical Company

Eaton

eBay	Herbalife
Emergency Committee for American Trade	Hewlett-Packard
Emerson	The Home Depot
Express Association of America (EAA)	Honda North America, Inc.
Exxon Mobil Corporation	Honeywell
EY	IBM Corporation
Fashion Accessories Shippers Association (FASA)	Illinois District Export Council
FedEx Corporation	Information Technology Industry Council (ITI)
Florida Ports Council	Ingersoll-Rand plc
Footwear Distributors & Retailers of America (FDRA)	Intel Corporation
Foreign Trade Association	International Dairy Foods Association
Free Trade Alliance	International Intellectual Property Alliance
Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc.	International Paper
Gap Inc.	International Trade Association of Greater Chicago
General Electric Company	ITC Holdings Corp.
General Mills, Inc.	Jockey International, Inc
Global Information Infrastructure Commission	Johnson & Johnson
The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.	Juniper Networks
Grant Thornton LLP	Juvenile Products Manufacturers Association (JPMA)
Greater Beaumont Chamber of Commerce	Kalispell Chamber of Commerce Convention & Visitors Center
Hanesbrands, Inc.	KPMG LLP
Hardwood Plywood and Veneer Association	

Liberty Mutual Group	National Corn Growers Association
Lockheed Martin	National District Export Council
LORD Corporation	National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA)
Los Angeles Customs Brokers and Freight Forwarders Association	National Foreign Trade Council
Mattel, Inc.	National Grain and Feed Association
McGraw Hill Financial	National Milk Producers Federation
Medtronic, Inc.	National Oilseed Processors Association (NOPA)
Merck	National Retail Federation
MetLife, Inc.	National Small Business Association
Miami Valley Marketing Group	North Alabama International Trade Association (NAITA)
Michael's Stores	North American Equipment Dealers Association
Microsoft Corporation	North American Export Grain Association (NAEGA)
Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce	Outdoor Power Equipment Institute (OPEI)
Momentive Performance Materials and Specialty Chemicals	Oracle
Mondelēz International	Organization for International Investment
Montana Chamber of Commerce	PA Chamber of Business and Industry
Motion Picture Association of America	Pacific Coast Council of Customs Brokers and Freight Forwarders Assoc. - The PCC
Motorola Solutions, Inc.	Personal Care Products Council
National Association of Manufacturers	Pfizer Inc
National Association of Wheat Growers	Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA)
National Confectioners Association	

The Plastics Industry Trade Association (SPI)	Sweetener Users Association
Polyguard Products	Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber
PPG Industries	Target Corporation
The Procter & Gamble Company	TechAmerica
Promotional Products Association International	TechNet
Qualcomm Incorporated	Technology CEO Council
Retail Industry Leaders Association	Telecommunications Industry Association (TIA)
Rockwell Automation, Inc.	Texas Instruments Incorporated
Santa Clara Chamber of Commerce and Convention-Visitors Bureau	Towpath Group International, LLC
Securities Industry & Financial Markets Association (SIFMA)	Toy Industry Association
Semiconductor Equipment and Materials International (SEMI)	Toyota
Semiconductor Industry Association (SIA)	Trans-Atlantic Business Council (TABC)
Siemens Corporation	Travel Goods Association (TGA)
Small Business Exporters Association	The Travelers Companies
Society of Chemical Manufacturers and Affiliates (SOCMA)	Tyco International Ltd.
Software & Information Industry Association	United Technologies Corporation
Sony	UPS
Sports & Fitness Industry Association	U.S. Chamber of Commerce
State Farm Insurance Companies	U.S. Council for International Business
SVB Environmental Lubricants, Inc.	U.S. Dairy Export Council
	U.S. Fashion Industry Association
	U.S. Wheat Associates

US-ASEAN Business Council

USA Rice Federation

Vermeer Corporation

Virginia Chamber of Commerce

Virginia-Washington, DC District Export Council

Visa Inc.

Volvo Group North America

Walmart

The Walt Disney Company

Washington Council on International Trade

Western Digital Corporation

Whirlpool Corporation

The Williams Companies

Wine Institute

W.J. Byrnes & Co.

World Trade Center Delaware

Xerox Corporation

Zac Venture